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Mr. Jack Haney, President
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Dear Mr. Haney:

In answer to your invitation, the Central Intelligence Agency welcomes the opportunity to submit for the Seventh Annual Federal Government Accountants Awards Program the nomination of Mr. Robert H. Fuchs, the Director of Finance in this Agency.

Mr. Fuchs has a record of thirty-three years of distinguished service in the Federal Government in the important field of financial management and as our Director of Finance has made significant contributions to the improvement of the financial administration of this Agency. I believe his professional competence, his leadership, and his contributions to the success of the mission of the Central Intelligence Agency and our national security efforts merit public recognition.

I am sure that the FGAA Awards Committee will understand that security considerations surrounding many of Mr. Fuchs' achievements limit the extent to which they can be substantiated in the enclosed nominating document. Because of this limitation, I will ask one of our senior officers to brief the Awards Committee on Mr. Fuchs' work in the Agency if more detail is necessary. My thanks to you and the Officers and Directors of the Washington Chapter of FGAA for continuing this most worthwhile awards program to honor outstanding contributions toward Federal financial management objectives.

Sincerely,

W. F. Raborn
Director

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Mr. Fuchs motivated the development and implementation of many improvements in financial management in the Central Intelligence Agency which were necessarily accomplished without the outside assistance or guidance usually available to Government agencies. These improvements have resulted in utilization of improved financial reports as an instrument of general management and decision making, effective arrangements for financing highly sensitive activities of national importance with other Government agencies, improvements in and simplifications of financial procedures of Headquarters and field activities, cost reductions through more efficient personnel utilization and increased application of automatic data processing to accounting and reporting processes, and savings effected by utilization of improved cost analysis techniques in support of industrial contract negotiations and related audit activities. Many of Mr. Fuchs' achievements involve the development of unique financial arrangements relating to overseas operational activities which cannot be detailed in this document because of security considerations. However, some of the specific areas of achievement include notable progress in the development of an effective accounting system; an improved system for reporting program and project costs on a timely basis; application of automatic data processing to accounting and reporting processes; and establishment of an eight digit financial analysis numbering system which simplifies these processes and provides more timely and meaningful data for management purposes.

One of Mr. Fuchs' many important achievements in the past year is the establishment of a system for the custody and financial administration of an Agency Retirement Fund established in accordance with Public Law 84-643 which provides for the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. We also should mention that due in a large measure to Mr. Fuchs' leadership an Agency Finance Career Service has been established and is functioning successfully. He has been instrumental in initiating financial management training courses of great importance in the development of a cadre of experienced finance officers of whom the Agency is justly proud.

Mr. Fuchs has had a distinguished career in public service--33 years of outstanding service in the Federal Government in the important field of finance. It may be accurately said that his exceptional competence, his integrity and his achievements have been most important to the success of this Agency's mission and to furthering the financial objectives of the Federal Government.